

### The W. C. T. U. Part of the Centenary Celebration in Ohio.

The following paper was read by Mrs. Estelle Norris of Johnston at a meeting of the Edgefield Union on Monday the fourth of August. Mrs. Norris talks beautifully on the Centenary Celebration which she attended.

To be permitted to attend the Centenary Celebration held in the beautiful Capital City of Ohio was a very great privilege, and we heartily wished that every white ribboner could have been with us. We seemed to be going at the right time as the weather was ideal. The night we spent on the Pullman was so cool that we found blankets very comfortable.

The scenery from the car windows was simply magnificent. Persons who have never seen the mountains cannot intelligently sing "My country 'tis of thee"—

I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills etc.

With their heads touching the clouds and little white cottages nestling at their base and their quiet grandeur and serenity, all seem to impart strength and comfort just to look at them. And then that lovely French Broad River threading its way in zigzag fashion on and on through field and meadow, made a picture that only an artist with paint on canvas could reproduce.

For miles and miles the car tracks run along with beautiful fertile valley and lovely river on one side and the everlasting hills on the other. We marvelled at the ingenuity of man that could perch a little home away up on the mountain side and idly wondered how they got the lumber up there to build it.

Farther on you come to the undulating fields of golden ripened grain ready for the harvest dotted here and there with substantial looking farm houses, a glorious country. It was for this goodly land that our brave boys sprang to arms and came from office store, factory, shop and farm to defend her ideals, her principles and her soil, even with their life blood.

We were saddened to think of the heart-broken women in Ohio, in Kentucky, South Carolina and in the North, East, West and South, "Rachel weeping for her children and would not be comforted because they were not," and overseas the dead forms of our hero boys are lying in "Flanders fields where poppies blow."

After reaching Centenary grounds there were many interesting things taking place outside of the wonderful exhibits in the buildings. We went up in the grand stand which seats seventy-five thousand people and saw educational pictures on the largest movie screen in the world, one of the big things at Columbus. Its picture surface is 115x115. Six men work the lantern. We heard McAdoo speak out there and witnessed a most beautiful pageant called "The Court of Columbia." It gave an American a thrill to see the line of cow boys and Indians, and agriculturists and Mexicans all dressed in their native costume. Mountain and school children dressed in red, white and blue costumes etc., all pass in review before Columbia and a representative lay an olive wreath at her feet.

Columbia is the most beautiful place in the whole wide world to-day, and the Rainbow Division played "My country 'tis of thee," "Dixie," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Son of God goes forth to war." That seemed to be one of their favorite selections and we wondered why, oh why, did not the Sons of God go forth to war sooner than they did on the prohibition question. We were trained to think away back yonder that our blessed men could legislate anything in and legislate out and we trusted them to do no harm, and because the God of this world had blinded their eyes with the big American silver dollar and the whiskey revenue, they fell down on their job and because every hillside and hamlet of this fair land was groaning under the insufferable burdens imposed them by King Alcohol, the Daughters of God went forth to war and instead of martial music, the tears and prayers of broken-hearted women and children. Their only weapon was the sword of the spirit and their only insignia, the little white ribbon bow but they did have sense enough to organize and every day at the noontide hour they turned their faces to the east and with one accord their prayer went up to the great "I am," "Oh Lord, how long?" and God touched the heart of good men and the Anti-Saloon League and others and after we had tried and proven our God, the answer came.

The government sent out this mandate, "The grain shall go to the miller and not to the brewer" (glory be). And no more smoke issued from the tall black chimneys of the breweries, and instead of saloons we are to have the "oases."

God moves in a mysterious way, and if we do not listen to the still small voice then shall we witness the thunder from Sinai and the earthquake and the late war.

It is said that on the last night of license that the wildest orgies were held in cabarets and saloons and the ballet dancers jumped to top of tables and danced and held aloft their glasses and quaffed the rosy wine and liquor flowed like water. Some in these Bacchanalian feasts committed suicide because they would rather die than live without John Barleycorn—and the next morning we were permitted by a good providence to walk into the department of the W. C. T. U.

A radiant place! The brightest, coolest looking spot in the building. We looked into the beautiful face of Frances Willard and said "Our glorious leader, you have led but we, the women of the W. C. T. U. have 'carried on.'" We women admire and are proud of women like Dr. Anna Shaw, women who have attained, women with splendid intellectual gifts and wonderful oratory, but we are simply not in their class. But for our Frances Willard we have genuine affection. She seems like so many other little women that we know and love. Did you ever notice how frail she looks and that little bird-like tilt to her head, that listening attitude always in her pictures? Like Joan of Arc, she listened to the heavenly voices, she caught the vision and oh, how we rejoiced that day, that from a poor little temperance worker she had risen to be the queen of a nation and we wanted to take one of those laurel wreaths offered to Columbia and hang on her picture, and wondered why some one did not do so.

A physician could have profitably spent an hour in the W. C. T. U. booth, everything in a medical way pertaining to the health of the mother and child being featured in a series of pictures. The welfare of the child from a tiny baby on through childhood and youth until he emerges from the college door prepared mentally and physically to enter into the battle of life. There you found all kinds of literature on the Deaconess work in the way of schools and hospitals, and stereopticon slides and other panels showing the work of the W. C. T. U. Anna Pritchard George gives a most graphic and correct picture of the Centenary Temperance work in the Union Signal.

Our time was so limited that we did not stop to take notes but we felt gratified that the W. C. T. U. had been given a large, conspicuous place in the Asbury Building.

From there we went over to American Building No. 1 and there came upon what was called the Columbus Square. It represented a street of "Good Will Industries." Here men and women are given a chance to make a decent and honest living. Nearby stands the city church with all the up-to-date departments of a model church and in the space designed as a cafeteria, the Frances Willard lunch room was placed. It had a little stairway which led to a balcony above with little tables close together and lunches and ice cream were served at a nominal price. Home made candy called "Frances Willard Candy" was sold there. My, but it was good!

Josephus Daniels had been invited to lunch that day so he addressed the crowd below from the balcony above.

I wish I could tell you about the symphony called "The City Beautiful," given there that morning, but it would consume too much time.

There is so much work for women to do and that only women can do, in the reconstruction of the world. Women as the helpmeet of man and woman as the mothers of men can teach the world that

"The might with the right and truth shall be  
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